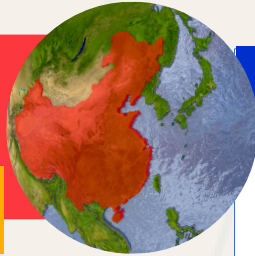


## Creation Myths and Legends

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*In China, there are several creation stories about how the earth, sky, sun, moon and various geographical features were formed. As with all creation stories, the main characters are gods or goddesses, with great power to create, form, mend and destroy the natural world.*

*Creation Myths exist in all cultures around the world, as a way for people long ago to try to explain how our earth and universe were formed. There are many similarities amongst different Creation Stories across different cultures and it can be fun to explore and compare them to find these similarities and differences. Indigenous cultures still tell these stories today; The Rainbow Serpent in Australia, Maui myths and legends in New Zealand and the various Native American stories from the USA. These stories have long histories, passed along time through the oral storytelling cultures across the world.*



## Vocabulary

story (n)



gùshì  
故事

to write (v)



xiě  
写

to tell (story) (n)



jiǎng  
讲

Curriculum Links

English

## Chinese Creation Stories

### Pangu Creates the Universe



### Goddess Nuwa Creates Humans



### Nuwa Mends the Sky



## Other Creation Stories

### Australian: Rainbow Serpent



### Hopi Nation (Native American): How Humans Were Formed



### NZ: The Fish of Maui



## Method

- 1 Watch one or all of the Chinese Creation Stories. Identify the key features of a Creation Myth or Legend e.g. who are the characters, what do they do, etc.
- 2 Watch one or all of the different Creation Stories and compare them to the Chinese ones.
- 3 Plan your own story by identifying the core elements to the story e.g. characters, which natural feature will the story explain the creation of, etc.
- 4 Either write the story or create it in a cartoon, by hand or using any online program.
- 5 Finish off your story by illustrating it with colourful pictures.
- 6 Read your creation myths to each other and enjoy them.
- 7 Make a story compilation book, either hardcover for your school library or online using a bookmaking app such as; Canva or Book Creator.



## Explore!

Nuwa creates humans and repairs the sky has been retold through dance and drama in [this video](#).

Choose a creation myth (Chinese or otherwise) and create a retelling of it through dance or drama.



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